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RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

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MOTION

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Title: DRPT FREIGHT Rail Grant Program Guidance

WHEREAS, the 2020 Omnibus Transportation Funding Legislation created the new Commonwealth Rail Fund (CRF); and

WHEREAS, the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) is responsible for managing 7% of the CRF for the purpose of statewide rail planning and freight railroad grant programs including the existing Rail Preservation program and a new freight rail enhancement program; and

WHEREAS, guidance documentation has been created for the distribution and administration of the CRF as it relates to freight rail enhancement; and

WHEREAS, the new funding program is known as the Freight Rail Enhancement to Increase Goods and Highway Throughput (FREIGHT) Program; and

WHEREAS, the FREIGHT Program Guidance was originally adopted by the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) on September 15, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the attached guidance document, which lays out a summary of the policies and procedures for the new FREIGHT Program, includes a technical correction to clarify project eligibility; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board hereby directs the Director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation to take all actions necessary to implement and administer this policy, including, but not limited to preparation of detailed program guidance and outreach consistent with this resolution.

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